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NEW YORK, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1906.

MOTHER LEAPS FROM BOAT WITH 3 BABES

\$25,000 GRAFT TALE TOLD TO ALDERMEN

Mrs. John W. Waters Left Note Pinned to Stateroom Door on the Plymouth Saying She Feared Insanity and Preferred Death—Also Left Will.

HAD BEEN ACTING QUEERLY FOR SOME TIME, SAY FRIENDS.

Husband Who Had Spent Night Looking for His Family Is Overcome by Terrible Tragedy-All Sound Boats Warned to Watch for Bodies.

Dear John: Forgive me. This trouble we are having has broken my heart. Dear John, forgive me for causing you this sorrow, but I could not live, and I could not leave our children. I have worried so much I fear insanity, and I could not leave.

This letter was pinned to the door of her stateroom by Mrs. John W. Waters, who, with her three children, committed suicide by jumping into the Sound from the steamship Plymouth.

Mrs. John W. Waters, wife of a well-known insurance man with offices at No. 170 Broadway, threw herself and her three little children from the Fall River steamer Plymouth during its trip from this city to Newport

LEFT WILL AND LETTER.

It is thought the woman was temporarily demented. She left a will in her stateroom written on brown paper and a letter of farewell to her husband in which she declared her fear of approaching insanity. Her husband Beats Out Monaco Maid in the is prostrated with grief. The tragedy was not discovered until just before the boat reached Newport. It is thought the woman threw herself and little ones overboard some time early this morning. Fishing and sailing vessels have been warned to keep a lookout for the bodies.

the second two years old. The third a woman of perhaps thirty years ac-was a baby of eight months. The unhappy woman had started to write a was well dressed and appeared to be note on the door of her stateroom and very fond of her little ones who romped erased it. She then wrote the letter, pinned it to the door and then turned to that which will rank with the most pitaful of the tragedies of the Sound. Neighbors said to-day that Mrs. Waters had been in a sanitarium some time ago and that she had been acting was when they entered the door of the

her the children and a clothesline. It perfectly happy.

the Sound steamers, sails at 5 P. M. ing the door of the stateroom, saw it from New York. Her staterooms are was open. He started to close it and open to passengers for some time pre- saw the floor was littered with wearing vious to sailing and this fact is taken apparel and the bunks empty. Someadvantage of by those who desire a leisurely embarkation. Among those

The oldest child was only four and, who came aboard early yesterday was about the decks until long after the The woman then went boat sailed. with them to her cabin, which was No. 120, on the upper deck, port side.

The last time they were seen alive strangely of late. She left her home tiny stateroom apparently in the highat No. 279 Kingston avenue, Brooklyn, est spirits. The children were laughing late yesterday afternoon, taking with and playing and the mother seemed

is believed she used this rope to bind It was after the boat had passed them before she threw them overboard. Point Judith, between midnight and 1 The Plymouth, one of the biggest of o'clock, that one of the porters, pass-

MOTHER IN TEARS WHILE GIRL FIGHTS FOR HER LIFE

Berthe Claiche, However, Confident of Acquittal, Smiles as Her Trial for Killing of Gerdron Begins.

A trial of a crime of the half world, but of vital interest to the public at large, was that of Berthe Claiche, which began to-day before Justice Vernon M. Davis, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court.

One reason why the people of New York hold a claim upon this trial is because it promises revelations of the sort of partnership that is said to exist between a certain class of degraded policemen and the women of the Tenderloin and their men.

It is reported that an attempt will be though he held a pistol to her temple made to show that Berthe Claiche en-tered into a conspiracy with a couple of policemen to rob Emil Gerdron, who owned her body and soul, of some \$700 and a lot of jewelry; that the girl pertormed her part in the conspiracy to the length of having Gerdron arrested, but that the earnest look in his eyes as he threatened to kill her when he felt the hands of two detectives on his

spoulders carried conviction. Knowing that her life was not worth penny if Gerdron ever got a chance right there in the street in the heart of the Tenderloin.

Of course Berthe Claiche does not people. agree that she was in any police plot. She asserts that her existence, miserable as it was, had attractions. Gerdhad almost killed her by choking and beating her many times. To a man of his unspeakable class arrest on Died Fighting Fire. complaint of the woman whose earn-ings enabled him to exist in idleness is in the nature of an unforgiveable parrant he had prepared. She was in

or a knife to her throat, and so she shot him.

A special panel of seventy-five tales men has been summoned for this trial. It is not anticipated that the panel will be exhausted.

Abraham Levy, leading counsel for the defense, has expressed himself as confident that no jury will convict Berthe Claiche after they have heard the awful story of her life from her lips.

Former Judge Otto Rosalsky and to make good his threat, she killed him George Simpson are associated in the defense. Assistant District-Attorney Ely is looking after the interests of the

The mother of the girl on trial, a

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

EASTON, CONN., FEB. 20,-While fighting a fire, which was destroying disgraces. She says that her action in this home to-day, Charles F. Silliman, causing his arrest indered the death Town Clerk and Treasurer for the past decade, died of heart failure. He was as much danger at the moment he was fifty years of age. The fire loss was laten into custody in her presence as \$6,000,

CHILDREN THROWN FROM STEAMER BY INSANE MOTHER.



Fourth Race at Fair Grounds.

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, 20.-Horses with good prices quoted agalinst them got the money this afternion at this track. The entire card was miserable and the attendance exceptionally poor. The quality of the races was so poor that picking winners was Mice looking for a needle in a

haystuck

Al Powell went to the front at the start, made all the running, and won in a gallop, by four lengths from Schroeder's Midway, who was a length in front

SECOND RACE-Six furlongs Starters, weights and jockeys. Starters, weights and jockeys, hocus Pocus, 100, Sewell, ancastrian, 97, Perrine, and Henrietta, 106, Diggins, 2thelred, 94, L. Smith, Iriple Sliver, 110, Hayes, venian, 112, Vittatue, Bail Connors, 112, Barrett, Pater, 112, Ryan, sesterling, 108, Moreland, otowin, 106, J. McIntyre, 111sta, 110, Robbins, Time—4, 15, 3-5.

Hocus Pocus went to the front soon after the start, made all the running, and won by a length from Lancastrian, who beat Lady Henrietta a length. THIRD RACE-Six furlongs.

starters, weights and jockeys,
hird Alszm. 112, L. Smith,
tioner Hill, 103, Bell.
Dr. Coffey. 106, Perrine,
tolla, 107, Robbins.
he Ram. 103, Warner,
tolloway, 103, McDonald,
eustembe, 107, Crimmins.

Time--1.15. Third Alarm made all the running and won easily by a length from Stoner fill, who was a length in front of Dr.

Monaco Maid made the running to the stretch, where St. Valentine closed, and in a drive won by a head from Monaco Maid, who was a length in front of

FIFTH RACE-Kickshaw (9 to 5and 4 o 5) 1. Hyacinth (out for place) 2, Can-

NEW YORK WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY IN ALBANY.

ALBANY, Feb. 20 .- While her husband was visiting at the Capitol today, Mrs. D. I. Chichester, of New York City, was taken suddenly ill and died in a few minutes at the Hotel Kenmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Chichester came to Albany last evening. At breakfast the woman appeared in good health and ther husband went to the Capitol. Shortly after he had gone Mrs. Chichester notified a maid that she was ill, and told the girl several places where her husband might be found. She grew rapidly worse and expired. shortly after the arrival of a physician. He attributed her death to heart fail-

Closes Fast in Stretch in City Park's Fourth Race and Wins in a Drive.

20.—The card offered here this afternoon was the poorest of the meeting. There was not one race in which a horse of class was entered. The talent could not locate a winner when it came down to form. The track was in poor shape.

FIRST RACE—Selling: mile and a quarter.

Starters, weights and jockeys.

Coin George, 106, w Allen. 25 10
John Garner, B. Smith. 9-2 8-5
Arc Light, 104, Heffernan. 20 8-5
Arc Light, 104, Heffernan. 20 8-5
Arc Light, 104, Griffith. 3 1
Tankeda, 104, Griffith. 5 2
Time—2.09 3-5.
Fox Hunting made the running, followed by Piller and Labor. The latter, took second place on the turn and led into the stretch, followed by Piller and John Garner. In the run home there was no change, Labor winning by a length from Piller, who best Miss Nannie La alength.

SECOND RACE—Seven furlongs. Starters, weights and jockeys.

D. Aust... 107. Oregar... 7. Romanelli. 107. Graham. Joneyweil, 197, iringo, 199, B. Smith: Time—1.29 Won by Cablegram; Shelagh was a and and Rama third.

Auditor, 111. J. Jones. 4 8.8
Astarita, 103. Graham 15 8.4
Astarita, 103. Graham 16 9.2
Blucher, 100. J. Hefferman 60 20
Blucher, 100. J. Hennessy. 20 8
Bill Carter, 90. Lowe. 15 6
Leta Duffy, 117. Obert. 9-2 8-5
Time—1,14,15.
Grenade went to the front at the start, made all the running and won by two lengths from Devout, who was second all the way; Auditor was third. a length away.
FOURTHER RACE—Selling: five and a balf

FOURTHR RACE-Selling: five and a half

sart of Hyacinth, 115, Nicol old Proof, 110, W. Allen, tra, 110, J. Daly eve Lane, 112, B. Davis, stless, 110, Springer, argaret Angela, 102, Lowe, etry, 105, Heffernan, argaret M. 105, Oregar,

Gold Proof and Nara raced in close order to the stretch, where Heart of Hyacinth closed and, taking the lead, won in a drive by half a length from Gold Proof, who beat Kara a head. FIFTH RACE—Airship (even and 2 to 5) 1, Prince Brutus (out for place) 2, Tichimingo 3.

FREE RIDES FOR ALL STATE OFFICIALS.

ALBANY, Feb. 20. - Assemblyman The bills were introduced by unant he bills were introduced to the Com-

mittee on Ways and Means.



TEXAS WITNESSES FOR PATRICK "LICKER UP SOME"

Big Joe Jordan Won't Stand for Things His Dual Cousin Done, and He's a Watchin' Them Petty Larceny Police for Lies.

to telephone the Warden of Sing Sing voiced and garbed in store clothes two Prison to bring Albert T. Patrick down sizes too large, they are the kind of on the first train, following an announce- chaps you see at a brakeman's boardment that "Fred" House had been sum- ing-house at San Antonio or going to moned by District-Attorney Jerome to fandangoes at the Eagle Bird honk-& appear as a witness at the hearing of tonk down at Brownsville on the Mexithe evidence for a new trial. House was can border. Patrick's first attorney, and Valet Jones | Joseph Jordan, the lame veteran of a swore that both he and Patrick confessed to House that they had slain day, was conspicuous in the group outaged William Rice.

A warden from Sing Sing arrived this afternoon to ascertain the Court's wishes in regard to bringing Patrick here. He tated that Patrick was still in his cell waiting the Recorder's ruling in the matter.

After a consultation with the attorleys, Recorder Goff said he would decide later when Patrick was to be produced in court. Loafing about the door of Part IV.,

General Sessions, where Albert T. Patrick is making the latest fight for his life before Recorder Goff to-day were eight men in soft hats, squirting tobacco juice at the tilings in the floor of lead, the corridor with splendid aim and finbosoms of their fiannel shirts. All had jewelry in their shirts except one, and ne had a leg missing.

All Patrick's Witnesses.

They were the Texans brought here the defence to testify that Valet Charles F. Jones had admitted to them that he swore falsely when he stated on ! the witness-stand in the last trial that Their stories make up the bulk of the Suicide from Steamer. The Texas delegation were of a type familiar to every man who ever crossed the Panhandle or the Black

Recorder Goff to-day ordered his clerk Waxey lands. Slouch-hatted. slow

coal-car collision, who testified yesterside the door. Jordan it was who ex (Continued on Second Page)

MILLION-DOLLAR WILL OF WOMAN SET ASIDE

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 20.—The will of Mrs. Jennie P. Chase, of Swampscott, was set aside by a decision of Judge Harmon, of the Essex County Probate Court, in a decision handed down today and the decree of adoption whereby Deforest Woodruff Chase, son of the woman's husband, Dr. Horace Chase, was made Mrs. Chase's heir was re-

voked.

Mrs. Chase died under alleged suspicious circumstances at her home last September, but it was finally announced officially that she had committed suicide. mitted suicide.

Relatives contested the will of Mrs. Chase, which gave property valued at \$1,000,000 or more to her adopted son, and at a prolonged hearing in this city evidence was offered to show that undue influence, threats and coercion were considered to secure the adoption and the security of t

used to secure the adoption and the will made in favor of Deforest Chase

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, FEB. 20,-Charles Hansen, steward of the Norwegian fruit steamer Hippolite Dumols,
from Philadelphia Jan. 31 for Kingston,
jumped cevrboard Feb. 17 off Fortune
Island while the ship awa on her was

Man Quoted as Accusing Former Borough President Littleton Denounced from the Floor as a Liar by Coler and Sullivan.

ARCHITECT HULL SCORED; CAN MAKE NO DEFENSE.

He Was Given as Authority of Charge that Bribe Was Demanded in Connection with New City Hall in Brooklyn.

The name of former Borough President Martin W. Littleton, of Brooklyn, was used on the floor of the Aldermanic Chamber to-day, as having been charged with demanding \$25,000 to put through the scheme for a municipal building for Brooklyn. The man who was quoted as having made the charge is Washington Hine, the Brooklyn architect. The hottest kind of a time followed the repetition of the story

Hull was in the chamber at the time, and, pointing at him, Borough President Coler denounced him as a vilifler, and declared he would never rest satisfied until he had forced the architect to go before the Grand Jury. Mr. Coler was followed by Little Tim Sullivan, who declared that the man who would try to smirch the reputation of Mr. Littleton was a delib-

erate liar and a cur Others followed in the same strain insinuations and calumnies before the No one believed the imputation, and Grand Jury. If Mr. Hull had kept his Mr. Hull did not get an opportunity to

Before the meeting there had been a caucus of the Republican majority on two propositions that came up later. Opinion, however, was so much divided that it was decided to ignore all party lines and let each member vote as he

A Troublesome Project.

The plan for the new Municipal building in Brooklyn has caused trouble for years. The sum of \$32,000 was appropriated in 1893 for a campetition among architects for the building, and Mr. Hull received the decision. He has not as et been paid anything. The whole mat Littleton's term, when he got the Board of Estimate to appropriate more money to push along a new plan pre-pared by McKim, Mead and White, whom he had engaged, having apparently rejected the plans of Mr. Hull. When Borough President Coler took hold he absolutely refused to treat with Mr. Hull ,as he claims, for the reasons

Mr. Color wanted \$500,000 as a start and the Board of Estimate gave it to him. He also wanted to select his own architects. Public hearings were held before the Finance Committee and to-day they handed in majority and minority reports. The former favored the Hull plan, which calls for an eight-story building—the minority was in favor of giving Mr. Coler a free hand. When it came to voting on the sub-

stitution of the minority report Presi dent Coler arose, and while his voice shook with passion said:

es long as I om Borough President he

hands clean he would have had the work from me, but now-never "You people here talk of having confidence in men who win in competition.

Suppose you have a competition over

Suppose you have a competition over the engraving of bonds and a certain Mr. Brockway won it, would you have confidence in him?

"This man Huel has made a statement to the effect that a former Borough President of Brooklyn demanded from him \$25,000 to push along his plans. That is the statement he made, and all of you know it. Every thember of this committee knows it, yet you sit there and make a request to back him."

ull, who was in the rear of ber said: t think there ought to be any doubt as to where any of us saind on the question of indorsing the the mi-nority or majority report after the statement of Mr. Coler.

"A Deliberate Liar."

"Martin Littleton is above reproach, o matter how some people disagree ith him politically, we all know him s a gentleman and a man of honor. erate and unqualified llar. "I was present when the Board of Es-timate passed upon this proposition in good fulth. The ink was scarcely dry when this man Hull was in here among the members of this board to use every desplacable means to advance his cause."

dent."
Alderman Mulligan said there had been a lot of suspicious stories. He wanted to know why any man should be afraid of Hull. Yet he had Meard stories that some people in the board were afraid of him. He wanted to, know.

ent Coler arose, and while his voice hook with passion said:
"I am here to figh this man Hull, and statement, and that there seemed to be some film-flam game about the whole are successful." will never construct that building.

Coler is Angry.

"He has persistently vilified every member of the former administration."

affair.

Addraman Meyer, the majority leader, beid a tribute to Mr. Cole, but said he honestly believed the latter was mistaken, but either reports would accomplish the desired result. Many other members of the board also space.

I told him before, as I say to him as he stands there now, I will never handle his plans unless he makes good his 200-1159 Eway, N. Y. 333 Falton st., Bkn. ...

LATE RESULTS AT FAIR GROUNDS.

Fifth-Kickshaw 9-5, Hyacinth out place, Canyon.

AT CITY PARK.

Fifth-Airship 1-1, Prince Brutus out place, Tichimingo. Sixth-Bon Mot 8-5, Big Bow 1-1 place, Limerick Girl.

NEW YORK LIFE EMPLOYEES HONOR M'CALL.

The New York Life offices were closed this afternoon so hat all employees could view the body of ex-President John A. McCall, lying in state at the home, No. 54 West Seveny-second

JOSEPH HWAG GETS \$7,500 POSITION.

The Aldermanic Committee on Salaries and Officers to-Jay recommended that Joseph Haag be appointed as Secretary to the Board of Estimate at a salary of \$7,500. The report was adopted.

CAR RUNS OVER AND KILLS A BOY.

William Levine, four years old, of No. 109 St. Mark's place, was this afternoon run over and killed by an Eighth street car.